FISCAL NOTE

SB 2598 - HB 3055

March 5, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a public school student to sign a pledge not to use anabolic steroids before being allowed to participate in interscholastic sports and requires the LEA to provide the student with instruction on the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and other performance substances.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any cost to LEAs for the development and copying of the pledge to be signed by each student who participates in interscholastic sports and their parent is estimated to be not significant and can be absorbed within existing LEA budgets.
- According to the Department of Education, the state does not have the responsibility to produce instructional materials on the use of performance enhancing drugs. LEAs would be responsible for producing either written material for instructional purposes or a video presentation on the same subject.
- The required instruction on the harmful effects of steroids and other performance-enhancing substances is currently available on video through the TSSAA for its school members. Only 68 LEAs belong to the TSSAA; therefore, 68 LEAs would need to obtain this information from another source. If this information could be obtained through the Internet, such cost is estimated to be not significant. The cost, if any, to the LEAs would depend upon the determined method of instruction and whether such information could be obtained at little or no cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director